## **REMARKS**

In response to the Examiner's Action mailed on January 14, 2005, claims 1 to 31 are canceled. The applicant hereby respectfully requests that the patent application be reconsidered.

An item-by-item response to Examiner's objections or rejections is provided in the followings:

## 10 1. Rejection of Claims-35 USC 103

The Examiner rejects claims 1-19, 21-31 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Matsuda et al (US Patent 5,770,514). The Examiner further rejects claims 15-19, 21-21 as being unpatentable over Matsuda in view of Blanchard (5,034,785).

In response to the rejections, claims 1-31 are canceled. The cancellations are not an admission that the inventions as directed by claims 1-19 and 21-31 are obvious and unpatentable over either Matsuda or Blanchard or a combination of these two prior art references. The cancellation is merely for the purpose to let the allowed claims issued into a patent first. The canceled claims will then be submitted as a Continuous Prosecution Application later.

## 2. Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner instructs that claims 32 and 33 are allowable.

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With the canceled claims and the reasons provided above, the Applicant hereby respectfully requests that the present application be reconsidered and allowed.

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